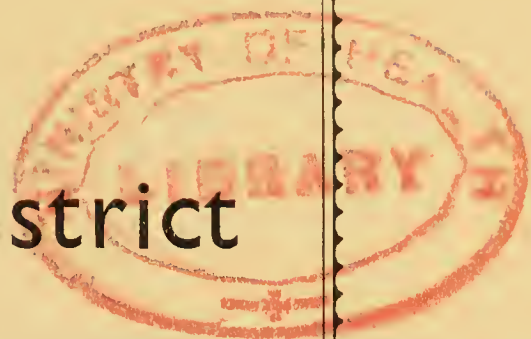
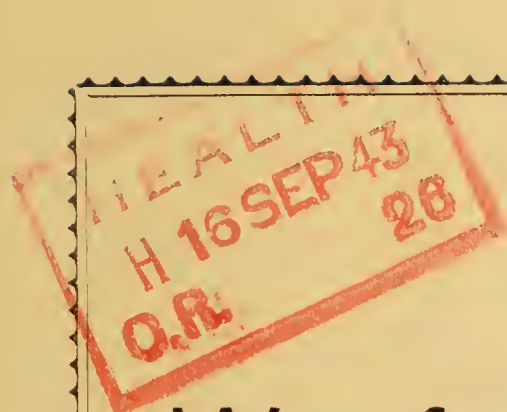


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ANNUAL REPORT

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FOR THE YEAR

1942

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
AS TO THE
Sanitary Conditions of Wainford Rural District
FOR THE YEAR 1942.

*To the Chairman and Members of the Council
of Wainford Rural District.*

Gentlemen,

I present the Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1942.

STATISTICS.

Area. 44,871 acres.

Population. 6,150.

Inhabited Houses. 1,889.

Rateable Value. £15,151.

Sum raised by Penny Rate. £63.

Births.

	M.	F.	Total.	
Legitimate	58	67	125	Rate per 1,000 pop., 20·6. (Rate for England, 15·8).
Illegitimate	2	—	2	
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Still Births	3	1	4	Rate per 1,000 pop., ·65. (Rate for England, ·54).

Deaths.

	M.	F.	Total.	
All causes	50	48	98	Rate per 1,000 pop., 15·9. (Rate for England, 11·6).
Infantile Mortality, (under 1 year)				
Legitimate	2	4	6	Rate per 1,000 live births, 47·2. (Rate for England, 49·).

The areal comparability factor is in abeyance owing to war conditions, otherwise the death-rate would have shown more favourably.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Ages	0	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	Total
Whooping Cough ...		1	1	5			1	6			14
Pneumonia ...								1			1
Scarlet Fever ...				1	1			2	3		7
Diphtheria ...										1	1
Measles ...								1			1
											24

Diphtheria Inoculation. 35 under five and 67 of school age were done. The estimated proportion done in each class is 32% and 85% respectively. The disappointing result in the young children is no doubt due to the difficulties of transport in the rural areas and the absence of welfare centres. The figures are, however, an improvement on those of last year in both groups.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Six new cases were notified, all non-pulmonary and all female. Ages 5, 7, 8, 12, 16, 53.

Two deaths occurred, both pulmonary; one male of 42, one female of 59. Notification of all infectious diseases is satisfactory.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

			M	F			M	F
Tuberculosis	...	...	1	1	Bronchitis	...	1	2
Influenza	...	...	1	1	Diarrhoea (under two)	...	—	1
Cancer :					Appendicitis	...	1	—
Uterus	...	...	—	2	Other digestive diseases	...	—	3
Stomach	...	...	1	1	Nephritis	...	—	1
Breast	...	...	—	3	Maternal causes	...	—	1
Other sites	...	...	7	6	Premature birth	...	2	2
Diabetes	...	...	1	—	Road traffic	...	2	—
Apoplexy	...	...	6	2	Other violence	...	1	3
Heart disease	...	...	16	11	Other causes	...	8	4
Other circulatory diseases			2	4				

GENERAL STATEMENT.

Infectious Diseases. Arrangements were made in conjunction with the County M.O.H. for the more effective treatment of Scabies in view of its increased incidence. Access to Tuberculosis records was authorised to Billeting Officers to avoid chances of infection due to billeting.

Milk. One bad establishment exists, and some others are below standard. Small progress continues to be made. It is hoped that new legislation in the future will enable pressure to be brought to bear to effect changes in some existing anomalies.

A.R.P. No basic change has been made in the arrangements, but all villages, except Sotherton, have now a First Aid Point with a known and responsible leader.

Your obedient servant,

HUBERT PEDLER,

Medical Officer of Health.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SANITARY INSPECTOR.

To the Chairman and Members.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the following Report for the year ending 31st December, 1942.

There has been a systematic inspection of the district throughout the year, and all complaints received have had immediate attention.

HOUSING.

No new houses have been erected, and the effect of the housing shortage continues to be acutely felt. Six cottages have been re-conditioned, and other measures of relief have included the granting of temporary licences to owners of condemned cottages in five cases.

Two statutory notices for repairs have been served and complied with. Four condemned cottages have been demolished, two by owners and two by the Council.

COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES.

In view of the national requirements, many more farmers have been registered as milk producers but the standard conditions have not been allowed to deteriorate. Co-operation with the War Agricultural Committee has yielded good results, especially in the seven cases where re-conditioning of cowsheds has been obtained.

Warnings have been issued to several cowkeepers where unsatisfactory conditions prevailed.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

All cases of infectious disease have been visited, investigated, and the disinfection of premises and effects carried out.

WATER SUPPLIES.

No new supplies have been provided by the Council; two wells have been sunk by private enterprise. Five samples have been taken where the purity of the supply was in doubt.

REFUSE COLLECTION.

The North Cove, Worlingham and Holton schemes have again been satisfactorily carried out under supervision. No complaints have been received.

The County Salvage scheme has shown a return of 25 tons of waste paper.

NUISANCES.

No statutory notices have been served; all cases have been dealt with in an informal manner. The removal of two unsatisfactory caravans was secured.

CIVIL DEFENCE.

Evacuation.—Twenty-five cottages hired or requisitioned for evacuees have been kept in a reasonable state of repair and as these cottages become vacant they are made available for the agricultural workers. A sum of £223 has been collected from evacuees subscribing to the Evacuation Fund.

Shelter Provision.—Ninety-two persons have been provided with Morrison shelters in accordance with the Ministry of Home Security's instructions.

War Damage.—Incidents have been dealt with in a prompt manner in spite of the labour shortage.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

H. W. ELLIS, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.,

Sanitary Inspector.